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REMARKS

1. Between 4 and 7 August 1951, the Flak Kaserne in Merseburg (M 52/D 91) still quartered only a guard unit of 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Except for athletic activity, no training was observed in the billeting area. [redacted]

[redacted] the installation drew a ration of alcoholic beverages for about 100 men. *

2. On 11 July, the Heeresnachrichtenschule and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle (M 52/D 92) were only partially occupied. Small groups of recruits were observed receiving basic training. The recruits wore red-bordered black epaulets, and about 50 percent had artillery insignia. There was only light vehicular traffic; trucks [redacted] entered the installations from the direction of Halle. **

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3. No changes at the Halle military post were observed on 24 July. [redacted]

The Luftnachrichten Kaserne appeared to be occupied by 20 to 300 troops. **

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- * [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reported the installation as only very lightly occupied at the end of May 1951 as the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps from the installation was allegedly at Ohrdruf. [redacted]

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[redacted] This was confirmed by [redacted] the Ohrdruf area up to the beginning of August 1951. [redacted]

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- ** [redacted] Comment. The information agrees [redacted] that a collective billeting area of the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Fliegerhorst were only partially occupied at the end of May 1951. [redacted] The units of the 21st Gds Mecc Div carried there are believed to be at the Kindel troop training grounds. [redacted]

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